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# ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

In its resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation by an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of an effective framework convention on climate change. The Assembly further decided that the first negotiating session should be held in Washington, D.C., in February 1991, and authorized the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with the assistance of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization, to convene the first session.

The first session will convene at the Westfields International Conference Center on Monday, 4 February 1991, at 10 a.m.

1. Opening of the session

Following an opening statement of the Secretary-General, a representative of the host country will address the participants. Statements by the Executive Heads of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be delivered.

2. Election of the Bureau

In paragraph 11 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly recommended that a Bureau consisting of a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur should be elected, each of the five regional groups being represented by one member.

(a) Chairman

The Secretary-General or his representative will invite nominations from the floor.

(b) Three Vice-Chairmen

The Chairman will invite nominations from the floor.

(c) Rapporteur

The Chairman will invite nominations from the floor.

3. Organizational matters

(a) Rules of procedure

In paragraph 23 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly requested the head of the ad hoc secretariat for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change to prepare draft rules of procedure for consideration by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its first session.

A note on the draft rules of procedure is available in document A/AC.237/2.

(b) Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda has been circulated in document A/AC.237/1.

(c) Organization of work

(i) Participation

In paragraph 2 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly decided that "the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee should be open to all States Members of the United Nations or members of the specialized agencies, with the participation of observers in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly".

In paragraph 19 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly invited "relevant non-governmental organizations to make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate, on the understanding that these organizations shall not have any negotiating role during the process, and taking into account decision 1/1 concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first session". [1]

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1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No.46 (A/45/46), annex I.

(ii) Schedule of meetings

The Committee will have before it document A/AC.237/3 outlining the tentative schedule of meetings.

It is proposed that plenary meetings of the Committee start at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. promptly.

(iii) General debate

It is proposed that the general debate on item 4 of the provisional agenda begin on Tuesday, 5 February, in the morning, and end on Thursday, 7 February, in the morning. Inscription for the list of speakers in the general debate will be opened on Monday, 28 January 1991, at 10 a.m., at United Nations Headquarters and is expected to be closed on Tuesday, 5 February, at 6 p.m., at the Center.

Statements in the general debate should preferably not exceed eight minutes each. Delegations wishing to have their statements distributed should provide a sufficient number of copies (300).

(iv) Subsidiary organs

The Committee may wish to establish subsidiary organs, such as working groups, to assist it in its work. In that case, these organs may wish to elect their own officers.

The Committee's attention is drawn to recommendation 15 of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Government Representatives to prepare for negotiations on a framework convention on climate change, which met at Geneva from 24 to 26 September 1990, which states that "if there are subgroups to the negotiating body, not more than two meetings of the main body or subgroups should be in session simultaneously". [2]

4. Preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as might be agreed upon

In paragraph 1 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly decided "to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation by an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related

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2/ A/45/696, annex I, para.15.

instruments as might be agreed upon, taking into account proposals that may be submitted by States participating in the negotiating process, the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the results achieved at international meetings on the subject, including the Second World Climate Conference".

General statements would be most appropriately given in the general debate under this item and might usefully focus on issues raised in the IPCC First Assessment Report.

Following the general debate, the Committee may consider establishing a basic negotiating text. The Committee would undertake, on the basis of such a text, the preparation of a framework convention. The Committee may wish to establish, at an appropriate time, a legal drafting group to assist in that process.

The Committee will have available the documentation listed in document A/AC.237/4.

5. Adoption of the report

Delegations may wish to include in the report the date and place of the next session as well as proposals for its agenda.

In that connection, the attention of the Committee is drawn to paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 45/212, in which the Assembly decided that, "subject to review of the timetable at the end of each negotiating session and taking into account the schedule of other intergovernmental meetings on environment and development matters, in particular the sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, further meetings should be held at Geneva and at Nairobi, in May/June, September and November/December 1991 and, as appropriate, between January and June 1992". The Assembly also decided, in paragraph 6 of the resolution, that "the maximum duration of each of the negotiating sessions should be two weeks".

In paragraph 20 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly further decided that "the negotiating process shall be funded through existing United Nations budgetary resources, without negatively affecting its programmed activities and through voluntary contributions to a trust fund established specifically for that purpose for the duration of the negotiations and administered by the head of the ad hoc secretariat under the authority of the Secretary-General of the United Nations".

The report may also take into account paragraph 7 of General Assembly resolution 45/212, by which the Assembly considered that "the negotiations for the preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related legal instruments as might be agreed upon, should be completed prior to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in June 1992 and opened for signature during the Conference".

In paragraph 16 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly requested "the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, through the ad hoc secretariat and taking into account the relevance of the negotiations to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, to keep the Preparatory Committee for the Conference and the Secretary-General of the Conference, as well as the Secretary-General of the United Nations, regularly informed in a timely manner, through regular progress reports, of the progress of the negotiations".

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# ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: RULES OF PROCEDURE

## Note by the Secretariat

1. By paragraph 1 of its resolution 45/212 of 21 December 1990, the General Assembly decided to establish a single intergovernmental negotiating process under the auspices of the General Assembly, supported by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization, for the preparation by an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as might be agreed upon, taking into account proposals that may be submitted by States participating in the negotiating process, the work of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and the results achieved at international meetings on the subject, including the Second World Climate Conference.

2. Rule 161 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly provides that:

> "The General Assembly may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary for the performance of its functions. The rules relating to the procedure of committees of the General Assembly, as well as rules 45 and 60, shall apply to the procedure of any subsidiary organ unless the Assembly or the subsidiary organ decides otherwise."

3. By paragraph 23 of its resolution 45/212, the General Assembly requested the head of the ad hoc secretariat to prepare draft rules of procedure for consideration by the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee at its first session.

4. The draft rules of procedure for the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee, set out in the annex to the present document, have been prepared by the Secretariat on the basis of General Assembly resolution 45/212, the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the rules of procedure adopted at recent United Nations treaty-making conferences.

ANNEX

## Draft rules of procedure

### I. REPRESENTATION

### Composition of delegations

Rule 1

The delegation of each State participating in the work of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (hereinafter referred to as "the Committee") shall consist of a head of delegation and such other representatives, alternate representatives and advisers as may be required.

### Alternates and advisers

Rule 2

The head of delegation may designate an alternate representative or an adviser to act as a representative.

### II. OFFICERS

Rule 3

The Secretary-General of the United Nations or, in his absence, his representative, shall open the first meeting of the Committee and preside until the Committee has elected its Chairman.

### Elections

Rule 4

The Committee shall elect from among the representatives of participating States the following officers who shall constitute the Bureau: a Chairman, three Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur, each of the five regional groups being represented by one member.

### General powers of the Chairman

Rule 5

1. In addition to exercising the powers conferred upon him elsewhere by these rules, the Chairman shall preside at the plenary meetings of the Committee,

declare the opening and closing of each meeting, direct the discussion, ensure observance of these rules, accord the right to speak, promote general agreement, inform the Committee on efforts to reach general agreement, put questions to the vote and announce decisions. The Chairman shall rule on points of order and, subject to these rules, shall have complete control of the proceedings and over the maintenance of order thereat. The Chairman may propose to the Committee the closure of the list of speakers, a limitation on the time to be allowed to speakers and on the number of times each representative may speak on a question, the adjournment or the closure of the debate and the suspension or the adjournment of a meeting.

2. The Chairman, in the exercise of his functions, remains under the authority of the Committee.

### Acting Chairman

Rule 6

1. If the Chairman finds it necessary to be absent from a meeting or any part thereof, he shall designate a Vice-Chairman to take his place.

2. A Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman shall have the powers and duties of the Chairman.

### Replacement of the Chairman

Rule 7

If the Chairman is unable to perform his functions, a new Chairman shall be elected.

### The Chairman shall not vote

Rule 8

The Chairman, or Vice-Chairman acting as Chairman, shall not vote in the Committee, but shall designate another member of his delegation to vote in his place.

## III. SECRETARIAT

### Duties of the Secretary-General

Rule 9

The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall be the Secretary-General of the Committee. He, or his representative, shall act in that capacity in all meetings of the Committee and its subsidiary organs.

### Duties of the secretariat

Rule 10

The secretariat of the Committee shall, in accordance with these rules:

(a) Interpret speeches made at meetings;

(b) Receive, translate, reproduce and distribute the documents of the Committee;

(c) Make and arrange for the keeping of sound recordings of meetings;

(d) Arrange for the custody and preservation of the documents of the Committee in the archives of the United Nations; and

(e) Generally perform all other work that the Committee may require.

### Statements by the secretariat

Rule 11

In the exercise of the duties referred to in rules 9 and 10, the Secretary-General or any other member of the staff designated for that purpose may, at any time, make either oral or written statements concerning any question under consideration.

## IV. CONDUCT OF BUSINESS

### Quorum

Rule 12

The Chairman may declare a meeting open and permit the debate to proceed when representatives of at least one third of the States participating in the work of the Committee are present. The presence of representatives of a majority of the States so participating shall be required for any decision to be taken.

### Speeches

Rule 13

1. No one may address the Committee without having previously obtained the permission of the Chairman. Subject to rules 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20, the Chairman shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak. The secretariat shall be in charge of drawing up a list of such speakers. The

Chairman may call a speaker to order if his remarks are not relevant to the subject under discussion.

2. The Committee may limit the time allowed to each speaker and the number of times each representative may speak on a question. Before a decision is taken, two representatives may speak in favour of, and two against, a proposal to set such limits. When the debate is limited and a speaker exceeds the allotted time, the Chairman shall call him to order without delay.

## Precedence

Rule 14

The Chairman or Rapporteur of a subsidiary organ may be accorded precedence for the purpose of explaining the conclusions arrived at by the subsidiary organ in question.

## Points of order

Rule 15

During the discussion of any matter, a representative of a State participating in the work of the Committee may at any time raise a point of order, which shall be decided immediately by the Chairman in accordance with these rules. A representative may appeal against the ruling of the Chairman. The appeal shall be put to the vote immediately, and the Chairman's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting. A representative may not, in raising a point of order, speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

## Closing list of speakers

Rule 16

During the course of a debate, the Chairman may announce the list of speakers and, with the consent of the Committee, declare the list closed.

## Right of reply

Rule 17

1. Notwithstanding rule 16, the Chairman shall accord the right of reply to a representative of any State participating in the work of the Committee who requests it.

2. Replies made pursuant to the present rule shall be made at the end of the last meeting of the day, or at the conclusion of the consideration of the relevant issue if that is sooner.

3. The number of interventions in reply for any delegation at a given meeting should be limited to two per issue.

4. The first intervention in reply, for any delegation on any issue at a given meeting, shall be limited to five minutes and the second intervention shall be limited to three minutes.

## Adjournment of debate

### Rule 18

A representative may at any time move the adjournment of the debate on the question under discussion. In addition to the proposer of the motion permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour and to two opposing the adjournment, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 21, be immediately put to the vote.

## Closure of debate

### Rule 19

A representative may at any time move the closure of the debate on the question under discussion, whether or not any other representative has signified his wish to speak. Permission to speak on the matter shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the closure, after which the matter shall, subject to rule 21, be immediately put to the vote.

## Suspension or adjournment of the meeting

### Rule 20

Subject to rule 32, a representative may at any time move the suspension or the adjournment of the meeting. No discussion on such motions shall be permitted and they shall, subject to rule 21, be immediately put to the vote.

## Order of motions

### Rule 21

The motions indicated below shall have precedence in the following order over all proposals or other motions before the meeting:

(a) To suspend the meeting;

(b) To adjourn the meeting;

(c) To adjourn the debate on the question under discussion;

(d) To close the debate on the question under discussion.

## Proposals and amendments

**Rule 22**

Proposals and amendments shall normally be submitted in writing to the Secretary-General, who shall circulate copies to all delegations. As a general rule, no proposal shall be discussed or put to the vote at any meeting of the Committee unless copies of it have been circulated to all delegations not later than the day preceding the meeting. The Chairman may, however, permit the discussion and consideration of amendments, even though these amendments have not been circulated or have only been circulated the same day.

## Decisions on competence

**Rule 23**

Subject to rule 15, any motion calling for a decision on the competence of the Committee to discuss any matter or to adopt a proposal submitted to it shall be put to the vote before the matter is discussed or a decision is taken on the proposal in question.

## Withdrawal of proposals and motions

**Rule 24**

A proposal or a motion may be withdrawn by its proposer at any time before voting on it has commenced, provided that it has not been amended. A proposal or a motion that has thus been withdrawn may be reintroduced by any representative.

## Reconsideration of proposals

**Rule 25**

When a proposal has been adopted or rejected it may not be reconsidered unless the Committee, by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, so decides. Permission to speak on the motion to reconsider shall be accorded only to two speakers opposing the motion, after which it shall be immediately put to the vote.

### Invitations to technical advisers

Rule 26

The Committee may invite to one or more of its meetings any person whose technical advice it may consider useful for its work.

## V. DECISION-MAKING

### General agreement

Rule 27

1. The Committee shall make its best endeavours to ensure that the work of the Committee is accomplished by general agreement.

2. If, in the consideration of any matter of substance, all efforts have been made and no agreement appears to be attainable, the Chairman of the Committee shall inform the Bureau that efforts to reach general agreement have failed. The Bureau shall thereupon consider the matter and recommend the steps to be taken.

### Voting rights

Rule 28

Each State participating in the work of the Committee shall have one vote.

### Majority required

Rule 29

1. Subject to rule 27, decisions of the Committee in plenary on all matters of substance shall be taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting.

2. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, decisions of the Committee on all matters of procedure and of its subsidiary organs shall be taken by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

3. If the question arises whether a matter is one of procedure or of substance, the Chairman of the Committee shall rule on the question. An appeal against this ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. If a vote is equally divided, the proposal or motion shall be regarded as rejected.

## Meaning of the phrase "representatives present and voting"

Rule 30

For the purpose of these rules, the phrase "representatives present and voting" means representatives present and casting an affirmative or negative vote. Representatives who abstain from voting shall be considered as not voting.

## Method of voting

Rule 31

1. Except as provided in rule 38, the Committee shall normally vote by show of hands, except that a representative may request a roll-call, which shall then be taken in the English alphabetical order of the names of the States participating in the work of the Committee, beginning with the delegation whose name is drawn by lot by the Chairman. The name of each State shall be called in all roll-calls and its representative shall reply "yes", "no" or "abstention".

2. When the Committee votes by mechanical means, a non-recorded vote shall replace a vote by show of hands and a recorded vote shall replace a roll-call. A representative may request a recorded vote, which shall, unless a representative requests otherwise, be taken without calling out the names of the States participating in the Committee.

3. The vote of each State participating in a roll-call or a recorded vote shall be inserted in any record of or report on the meeting.

## Conduct during voting

Rule 32

After the Chairman has announced the commencement of voting, no representative shall interrupt the voting except on a point of order in connection with the process of voting.

## Explanation of vote

Rule 33

Representatives may make brief statements consisting solely of explanations of vote, before the voting has commenced or after the voting has been completed. The Chairman may limit the time to be allowed for such explanations. The representative of a State sponsoring a proposal or motion shall not speak in explanation of vote thereon, except if it has been amended.

## Division of proposals

Rule 34

A representative may move that parts of a proposal be voted on separately. If a representative objects, the motion for division shall be voted upon. Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives in favour and two opposing the division. If the motion is carried, those parts of the proposal that are subsequently approved shall be put to the vote as a whole. If all operative parts of the proposal have been rejected, the proposal shall be considered to have been rejected as a whole.

## Amendments

Rule 35

A proposal is considered an amendment to another proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from or revises part of that proposal. Unless specified otherwise, the word "proposal" in these rules shall be considered as including amendments.

## Order of voting on amendments

Rule 36

When an amendment is moved to a proposal, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments are moved to a proposal, the Committee shall vote first on the amendment furthest removed in substance from the original proposal and then on the amendment next furthest removed therefrom and so on until all the amendments have been put to the vote. Where, however, the adoption of one amendment necessarily implies the rejection of another amendment, the latter shall not be put to the vote. If one or more amendments are adopted, the amended proposal shall then be voted upon.

## Order of voting on proposals

Rule 37

1. If two or more proposals, other than amendments, relate to the same question, they shall, unless the Committee decides otherwise, be voted on in the order in which they were submitted. The Committee may, after each vote on a proposal, decide whether to vote on the next proposal.

2. Revised proposals shall be voted on in the order in which the original proposals were submitted, unless the revision substantially departs from the original proposal. In that case, the original proposal shall be considered as withdrawn and the revised proposal shall be treated as a new proposal.

3. A motion requiring that no decision be taken on a proposal shall be put to the vote before a vote is taken on the proposal in question.

### Elections

Rule 38

All elections shall be held by secret ballot unless, in the absence of any objection, the Committee decides to proceed without taking a ballot when there is an agreed candidate or slate.

Rule 39

1. When one or more elective places are to be filled at one time under the same conditions, those candidates, in a number not exceeding the number of such places, obtaining in the first ballot a majority of the votes cast and the largest number of votes shall be elected.

2. If the number of candidates obtaining such a majority is less than the number of places to be filled, additional ballots shall be held to fill the remaining places.

## VI. SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

### Subsidiary organs

Rule 40

The Committee may establish such subsidiary organs as it deems necessary, which shall elect their own officers.

## VII. LANGUAGES AND RECORDS

### Languages of the Committee

Rule 41

Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish shall be the languages of the Committee.

### Interpretation

Rule 42

1. Speeches made in a language of the Committee shall be interpreted into the other such languages.

2. A representative may speak in a language other than a language of the Committee if the delegation concerned provides for interpretation into one such language.

### Sound recordings of meetings

Rule 43

The secretariat shall make sound recordings of meetings of the Committee. Such recordings shall be made of meetings of subsidiary organs when the organ concerned so decides.

### Languages of official documents

Rule 44

Official documents shall be made available in the languages of the Committee.

## VIII. PUBLIC AND PRIVATE MEETINGS

### Plenary meetings

Rule 45

The plenary meetings of the Committee shall be held in public unless the Committee decides otherwise. All decisions taken by the plenary of the Committee at a private meeting shall be announced at an early public meeting of the plenary.

### Other meetings

Rule 46

Meetings of subsidiary organs shall be held in private unless the organ concerned decides otherwise.

Rule 47

At the close of a private meeting, the Chairman of the Committee or the organ concerned may issue a communiqué to the press through the Secretary-General.

## IX. OBSERVERS AND OTHER PARTICIPANTS

### Participation of observers

Rule 48

Observers shall participate in the work of the Committee in accordance with the established practice of the General Assembly.

### Participation of non-governmental organizations

Rule 49

Non-governmental organizations invited to the Committee may make contributions to the negotiating process, as appropriate, on the understanding that these organizations shall not have any negotiating role during the process, and taking into account decision 1/1 concerning the participation of non-governmental organizations adopted by the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development at its first sesssion.

## X. SUSPENSION AND AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

### Method of suspension

Rule 50

Any of these rules may be suspended by the Committee provided that twenty-four hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given, which may be waived if no representative objects. Any such suspension shall be limited to a specific and stated purpose and to a period required to achieve that purpose.

### Method of amendment

Rule 51

These rules of procedure may be amended by a decision of the Committee taken by a two-thirds majority of the representatives present and voting, after the Bureau has reported on the proposed amendment.

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# ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS: RULES OF PROCEDURE

## Note by the Secretariat

## Corrigendum

1. Page 2, annex, section II, rule 3

Subheading of rule 3 should read

Temporary Chairman

2. Page 6, rule 19, second sentence

The second sentence should read

Permission to speak on the motion shall be accorded only to two representatives opposing the closure, after which the motion shall, subject to rule 21, be immediately put to the vote.

3. Page 8, rule 29, paragraph 3

The second sentence should read

An appeal against this ruling shall be put to the vote immediately, and the Chairman's ruling shall stand unless overruled by a majority of the representatives present and voting.

4. Page 12, rule 47

Subheading of rule 47 should read

Communiqués on private meetings

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# TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Note by the Secretariat

In order to facilitate preparations for the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change, it may be helpful for participants to know in advance the tentative schedule of meetings.

Monday, 4 February

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| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Opening of the session by the Secretary-General of the United Nations or his representative |
| | Statement by a representative of the host country |
| | Statements by the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization |
| | Election of the Bureau |
| | Organizational matters |

Tuesday, 5 February

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| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | General debate on item 4 of the provisional agenda (Preparation of an effective framework convention on climate change, containing appropriate commitments, and any related instruments as might be agreed upon) |

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| Wednesday, 6 February | |
| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | General debate on item 4 of the provisional agenda |
| Thursday, 7 February | |
| 10 a.m. | General debate on item 4 of the provisional agenda |
| Friday, 8 February | |
| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Meetings of the subsidiary organs |
| Monday, 11 February | |
| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Meetings of the subsidiary organs |
| Tuesday, 12 February | |
| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Meetings of the subsidiary organs |
| Wednesday, 13 February | |
| 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. | Consideration by the Committee of the reports of the subsidiary organs |
| Thursday, 14 February | |
| 10 a.m. | Adoption of the report |

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DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE MEETING

Note by the Secretariat

1. The present note provides a list of documents relating to the first session of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for a Framework Convention on Climate Change:

(a) Resolution 45/212, entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind", adopted by the General Assembly on 21 December 1990;

(b) A/45/696 (2 November 1990) and Add.1 (8 November 1990) — Protecion of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: progress achieved in the implementation of resolution 44/207 on protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind: report of the Secretary-General;

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(c) A/AC.237/1 (18 January 1991) — Provisional agenda;

(d) A/AC.237/1/Add.1 (18 January 1991) — Annotated provisional agenda;

(e) A/AC.237/2 (23 January 1991) and Corr.1 — Organizational matters: rules of procedure;

(f) A/AC.237/3 (28 January 1991) — Tentative schedule of meetings.

2. The following documents are also at the disposal of the delegations:

(a) First assessment report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (including the paper on legal measures) (August 1990);

(b) Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of Government Representatives to prepare for negotiations on a framework convention on climate change on its meeting held at Geneva from 24 t 26 September 1990.

3. The following documents will be available for consultation at the meeting:

(a) A/44/48 (20 March 1990) and Corr.1 and 2 — Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the work of its organizational session (5-16 March 1990);

(b) A/45/25 (19 September 1990) — Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on the work of its second special session (1-3 August 1990);

(c) A/45/46 (17 October 1990) — Report of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the work of its first substantive session (6-31 August 1990).

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